

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SUNSHINE COAST BOARD OF EDUCATION (SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46)  
Held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.,  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

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**PRESENT: TRUSTEES:** S. White, Chair; D. Mewhort, Vice-Chair; F. Heppell;  
L. Fielding; G. Russell; J. Scott; K. Sinnott

**STAFF:** D. Palmer, Superintendent of Schools  
T. Hierck, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
D. Ready, Secretary-Treasurer  
C. McPhedran, Confidential Secretary

**REGRETS:** Trustees G. Russell, K. Sinnott

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**#62** Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Chair White acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Squamish Nation. He welcomed the audience and pointed out the many district staff that were present. He passed on regrets from Trustees Russell and Sinnott who were not able to attend the meeting.

**#63** Presentation (10 minutes in total)

“Museum School and Literacy – a good match” – Gillian Kydd

Gillian Kydd gave a summary of Museum School explaining what it offered students. A short presentation highlighting students from Roberts Creek, Langdale and Davis Bay Elementary Schools was given. Gillian emphasized that schools should use the resources in their communities more.

During the question portion of the presentation, a parent from Davis Bay Elementary commended Gillian for this program saying that her son was able to take part in the program last year and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

**#64** Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

No questions were asked at this time.

**#65** Adoption of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Scott/Heppell

“That the agenda be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#66 Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

MOTION: Heppell/Scott

“That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2010, Record of the Closed Meeting of January 12, 2010 and the minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of January 18, 2010 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried.

#67 Reports

(a) Executive Report:

- (1) Cheques issued for the month of January 31, 2010.
- (2) Expenditures by Object as at January 31, 2010.

Secretary-Treasurer Ready reported that the use of Long and Short Term Sick Account is leveling off. It appears that this account will not be as over extended as reported in previous months.

- (3) Bill 33

Superintendent Palmer reported class changes occurring at Langdale and West Sechelt Elementary Schools.

- (4) Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent's Report

As submitted.

- (5) Highway 46 – Student Focused Talkback – Student Performance on Provincial Exams

Superintendent Palmer announced that the next Highway 46 – Student Focused Talkback would be on March 4, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Superintendent of Achievement will be visiting and taking part in this meeting.

- (6) Full Day Kindergarten

Superintendent Palmer will report on this at the March 16, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

J. Pritchard, Assistant Secretary Treasurer reviewed the Amended Annual Budget. The trustees and the public were invited to ask questions.

J. Pritchard was asked to explain 'school surplus' and if this surplus is carried over each year. He answered by saying this is correct.

Secretary-Treasurer Ready talked further about a \$600,000 contingency fund explaining that there are some pressures on this amount. This includes Long Term Sick, which is expected to go over by about \$100,000 and the Project Identification Report that the Board has approved for Gibsons Elementary School, which is also for \$100,000. The district was

allocated \$200,000 less than anticipated at the time of the preliminary budget and a portion of this will have to be covered by imposing a levy of \$50 per student on each of the schools.

Discussion followed.

2009/2010 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

MOTION: Scott/Heppell

“That the following Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2009/2010 be advanced three readings at this meeting.”

Carried.

MOTION: Fielding/Heppell

“That the School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw, in the amount of \$37,210,503 for the fiscal year 2009/2010 be read for a first and second time and on the third reading, passed and adopted.”

Carried.

On behalf of district staff, Superintendent Palmer presented a framed series of pictures to the Board. She explained that this is to acknowledge the Board's long-standing support and recognition for the Aboriginal Program. Renowned photographer, Lester Picker, took the picture.

K. Mahlman, Principal of District Aboriginal Programs and Services provided background information about the naming of the canoe featured in the picture. She explained that in September 2009 the *shishalh* elders group officially gave the District Aboriginal Programs and Service's canoe a name in the *sháshishálhem* language. The name is: *s-yewens snexwilh* which means, "spirit canoe" (or "spirit within" the canoe)

The name was given by the elders to help acknowledge the canoe spirit that was lost or forgotten for a time as the canoe sat derelict in an auction yard - and that has now returned to the canoe due to the hard work to restore it and put it back in the water - and the spirit within the canoe when everyone is paddling together. The name is representative of the hope held for the future of the canoe and the young people who will paddle it.

(b) Chair's Report

As submitted.

(c) Board/Committee Report:

(1) BCPSEA Report

Trustee Mewhort reported that Chair White has been re-elected by the assembly to be a director for BCPSEA's Board. He said that this is a huge honour and he is to be commended.

MOTION:

"That the reports be received."

Carried.

#68 Correspondence

(a) Aboriginal Enhancement Schools Network.

MOTION: Mewhort/Fielding

"That the correspondence be received."

Carried.

#69 New Business

(a) Administrative Regulations – presented for circulation.

Honoraria – Draft

Donations – Draft

Regulation 5700 – Salaries and Benefits for Non-Union Staff Not Covered by Individual Contract.

Secretary-Treasurer explained the regulations that will go into an eight-week circulation period. She encouraged comments or recommendations for consideration by sending them to the Board office or by calling her directly.

MOTION: Mewhort/Heppell

"That in adherence with our current policy manual, an Ad Hoc Trustee Honoraria Committee be struck to examine current honorariums in our district and make recommendations to the board."

Carried.

#70 Questions and Inquiries From the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

No questions were asked.

#71 Next Meeting

The next Regular Board Meeting will be on March 16, 2010 at the School Board Office.

The Special Regular Board Meeting will be on February 16, 2010 at Chatelech Secondary in the library at 7 p.m.

A DPAC meeting will be held on February 25, 2010 at Chatelech Secondary at 6:30 p.m.

#72 Adjournment

MOTION: Mewhort/Heppell

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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Chair

  
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Secretary-Treasurer